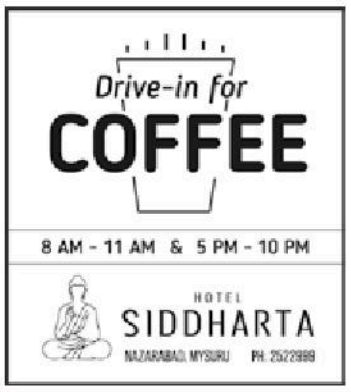

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1.85 lakh passengers use Mysore Airport in 28 months

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&BCT)- From Sept.17 2017 to Jan. 20, 2020, a whopping 1,85,254 passengers have landed and taken off from the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli, the Airport that was once a grazing land for bovines.

Pratap Simha

A total of 90,398 air passengers have arrived at the Airport through many flights operated by TruJet, Alliance Air and Indigo Airlines and over 94,856 passengers have taken off to various destinations. The Airport that handled only one flight to Chennai in 2017 now handles eight flights and 16 routes including Belagavi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Kalaburagi, Goa and Chennai.

The Kochi flight has been grounded as works on upgrading the Cochin International Airport is on and will be completed by March this year when the flight services will resume. Then, the total flights operated from Mysuru will touch nine and there are plans to introduce more flights to different destinations.

This increased flight operations from the Airport became a reality after the Narendra Modi government introduced the UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagarik) scheme under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) and after Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha took keen interest in convincing the Civil Aviation Ministry to introduce more flights as Mysuru has the potential. Following this, many new flights were introduced and this saw a healthy rise in the occupancy rate over a period of time. Earlier, flights used to operate from Mysuru only during Dasara and operators used to shy away from the designated routes citing lack of occupancy. Almost all the flights now operated from Mysuru have 75 to 85 percent occupancy, encouraging the flight operators.

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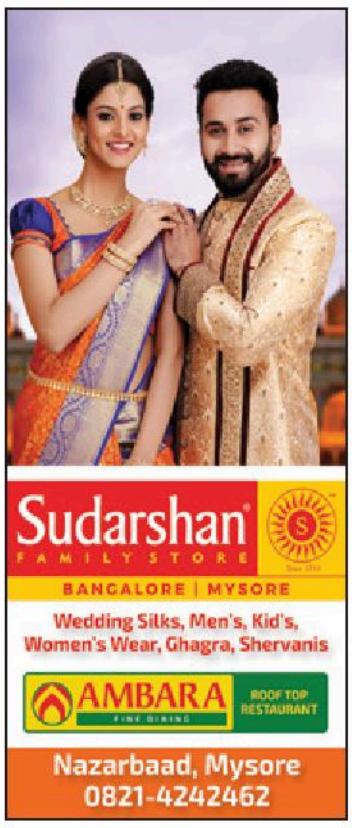

Three city students drown in S'Patna

Srirangapatna, Feb. 14 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- Three students from Darul Uloom Siddiqia Trust Arabic College at Siddiquinagar in Mysuru drowned in River Cauvery at Srirangapatna this morning. While the body of one student has been fished out, Fire and Emergency Service personnel and expert swimmers have launched a search for the bodies of other two.

The deceased students are Mujassim Ahmed of Arasikere in Hassan, Mohammed Tauseef of Hassan and Iftekar of Hunsur. All were aged 18. Today, (Friday) was a holiday for the college, the trio told the college staff that they were going to their native places but instead went to Srirangapatna, the college staff said.

(See STUDENTS on page 9)

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Mysuru, Friday 14th February 2020

Social realities

Days of a distant past, one may have to surmise based on anecdotes, chronicles, folklore, literary outputs of writers, fables, proverbs, scriptures, sculptures and even conjecture, seem to have been marked by people living in harmony while engaging themselves on a few pursuits such as agriculture, spiritual studies, trading and protecting territory from aliens bent on grabbing riches and land. The headcount in different regions of the then subcontinent being a fraction of its present number, the living space for both human beings and denizens of the forest may have facilitated sustaining both *respectable* distance among the life forms and access to their basic needs, particularly food, water and shelter. In the long-drawn process leading to *villages* expanding to *towns* first and *cities* later on the counts of their area of territory and head count, the profile of the inhabitants mainly covering their ways of life witnessed a metamorphosis which has continued to this and the *pace* of that change has only moved into the acceleration mode. Both outlook to life in general and none-too-happy mutual *relationship* among people in villages, towns and cities, thanks to the steadily increasing density of their residents, have led to life's compulsions that hardly anybody can manage.

Invoking divinity, the sage pointed out that human beings distinguished themselves into *four* sections based on their calling (without one section treading on the toes of other sections). Call it evolution or whatever, the presumably happy sections forsook their callings triggering the all-too-familiar negative attributes of jealousy, disaffection, ill feeling, superiority complex and so on hurting pleasant social realities.

Digging into the past days, one more factor impacting mutual relationship in general and *social conduct* of citizens in particular looms large, namely the portrayal of kings as divinity in real life *(Raja pratyaksha devata)*, marked by both respect for and trust in the authority of royalty. Now that monarchy has moved into the pages of history and the public image of the contemporary ruling class, culled out of the population as *elected* representatives, being what it is, asking for revival of societal order of the distant past is a tall order. The air is thick with the public speakers berating the caste system in the open but using their position in posts of authority adhering to the same system, pulling wool over the eyes of people as it were, is there for all to witness.

Another dichotomy in the conduct of the ruling class is making statements favouring inclusive society to achieve equality while conducting themselves in the style of feudal lords. That exactly is the ongoing social reality.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

How is the quality of piped water in the country? Studies show that the existing quality of piped water is deficient in much of India. Last year, the Department of Consumer Affairs undertook a study through the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on the quality of piped drinking water being supplied in the country. In Delhi, all samples drawn from various places did not comply with the BIS's requirements. Countries with a high development index tend to have good quality tap water. Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany, United Kingdom have access to freshwater lakes or glacier melt — extremely clean and mineral rich. This water is further filtered. Singapore and Israel rely on extensive recycling and even making sewage water fit for drinking. The limited population pressure, compared to India, as well as public resources allow these countries to ensure clean drinking water. But for much of the world, access to clean piped water from the public supply remains a challenge. *— Jacob Koshy in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Quarantined runner jogs 50 km in his apartment

Hangzhou: The coronavirus, wreaking havoc in China has really turned things upside down for a lot of people.

Pan Shancu, an amateur marathon runner from Hangzhou, in the eastern Chinese province of Zhejiang, is trapped in his apartment because of the coronavirus epidemic, but he didn't let that small detail stop him from keeping in shape for his next race, whenever it may be. He has been using the small space in his apartment as a miniature track, jogging around two tables and the short length of a small hallway, and recently posted on social media that he had covered a distance of 50 kilometers (31 miles).

"I have not been outside for many days, but today I could not bear sitting around anymore," Pan wrote. "Let's run laps around the two massage tables in the room then! Yes, one lap is about eight meters (26 feet) and I ran 50 kilometers (31 miles), I did it in 4:48:44. I am sweating all over, feels great!," hev added.

Indonesia's Spiderman fights littering, plastic pollution

Pare-Pare: Rudi Hartono, a cafe worker from Pare-Pare, South Sulawesi, had long been struggling to persuade residents of his small coastal community to get more involved in keeping their home clean by picking up the plastic trash strewn on streets and beaches, but had had little success. But then he put on a Spiderman suit just to amuse his nephew and people took notice. He accidentally became somewhat of a local role-model, and people started following his example.

People who had simply ignored him when he was cleaning streets, gutters and beaches of plastic trash as a normal man, started following his example when they saw him dressed as Spiderman. The effect was so overwhelming that he took to Facebook and made a video dressed as the Marvel superhero, inviting other Pare-Pare inhabitants to join the fight against littering and pollution.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can Berberine lower my blood sugar?

Berberine is extracted from barberry and other plants. It has been shown to be comparable to metformin in reducing blood sugar levels, without the side effects. It decreases insulin resistance, causing insulin to be more effective. In one study of 116 diabetic patients, 1 gram of berberine per day reduced blood sugar by 20%.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Workshop on Teachers' capacity building held

Mysuru, Feb. 14- A UGC sponsored one-day State-level IQAC initiative workshop on "Teachers' Capacity Building" was organised by JSS College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Ooty Road, here on Feb. 13.

Dr. Gururaj Karajagi, Chairman, Academy of Creative Teaching (ACT), Bengaluru, in his keynote address said, "a good teacher should have teaching skills and an attitude towards teaching. It is important to bring-out the latent talent in the student. A teacher should match his style with that of his student's. It should be student centric. A teacher should adopt himself or herself to the needs of students. Creative teaching is to change our methodology to reach the students. Preparation, content, classroom management, content delivery of the teacher are also important." He further stressed that values are not taught but are demonstrated.

Presiding over the inaugural session Prof. S.P. Manjunath, Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, felt that academic atmosphere can be created only by enhancing teaching capacity of a teacher. Learning new concepts and using new methodology is the need of the hour. It may not yield immediately but in the long run it will bring out better result among the teacher and the taught.

This was followed by two technical sessions by Vivekananda, Dean-Training, ACT and Sheelu Rao, Dean Academic, Handholding, ACT.

Spandana of second year M.Sc (Chemistry) rendered the invocation. Prof. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive of the College welcomed. Prof. M. Mahadevappa, Principal, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. R. Suhas compered. Dr. B.Y. Sathish Kumar, Event Organising Secretary and staff were present.

Really...?

- ***Rava idli:** It is said that during World War II, there was a shortage of rice. Mavalli Tiffin Room chain of restaurants came up with an innovate idea of using rava as a substitute to rice in idli — the popular South Indian dish. Thus began the story of rava idli. Today it is regarded as the healthier variant of the popular rice idlis.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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Doctor: Why?
Man: Because my wife keeps hitting me on the head with it !!

Today's Currency Rate

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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 92.46
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.43
1 Euro	= Rs. 77.59

VOICE OF THE READER

Impact of Government Order permitting land conversion in Kodagu

Sir,

The recent order by the Government of Karnataka is a great setback in protecting the fragile ecosystem of Kodagu. As the President of Coorg Wildlife Society (CWS) I had written to the Chief Secretary of Karnataka during February 2019 requesting the Government to continue the ban on land conversion citing the havoc, severe landslides account of devastating rainfall and due to unbridled and reckless urbanisation of this tiny, beautiful hill district. Luckily, the Government ordered continuation of the ban on land conversion which was revoked recently, apparently due to political pressure.

This Government approval on land conversion will result in sprouting of innumerable resorts, huge buildings, felling of trees blocking the free flow of flood waters during monsoon causing further landslides and devastation of the ecosystem of Kodagu. **The only redeeming feature is that a Committee headed by the DC, Geologist and others will give approval on a case-to-case basis for land conversion for commercial purposes.** It is, therefore, very important that citizens of Kodagu with the help of various NGOs should bring it to the notice of the district authorities if there is any illegal construction on the hilly terrains. More importantly, the local media should be ever vigilant and bring it to the notice of the authorities through wide coverage.

Any complacency on the part of the citizens in this regard will result in further degradation of Kodagu's fragile ecosystem.

— K.C. Biddappa,
Sr. VP, ITC Ltd., (Retd.) and former President,
Coorg Wildlife Society
Mysuru
13.2.2020

Ban lifted on Kodagu land conversion

Henceforth, lands will be converted based on report by Geological Survey of India (GSI)

Bengaluru, Feb. 14 (OSR)- The Karnataka Government has relaxed regulations banning the conversion of land in Kodagu district and now allows small land-owners to build their homes by converting agricultural land, a move that will allow commercial establishments and layouts to flourish in the district that was devastated by landslides two years ago.

Revenue Minister R. Ashoka said the Government decided to permit land conversion as both locals and elected representatives wanted the moratorium to be lifted. That is why the Government has decided to permit land conversion again, with some restrictions. In May 2019, the ban was relaxed to allow conversion for small individual houses.

According to Ashoka, land conversion from agricultural to residential land will be regulated and will not be allowed along buffer zones. Ten metres on each side of a river, stream or storm water drain are classified as buffer zones. Moreover, conversion is prohibited in properties with steep slopes as houses built on such terrain could collapse during landslides. Land conversion is also prohibited in regions where houses had collapsed in 2018 floods, he said.

The land can be converted for commercial purposes. Ahead of any conversion, land-owners will have to seek no-objection certificates from Deputy Commissioners and local Gram Panchayats. Only after a Committee headed by the DC, which includes a Geologist, submits a report the conversion can take place, Ashoka said.

The land will be thoroughly surveyed by the Tahsildar. The survey report (by the Tahsildar) will be reviewed by the DC under Section 95 of Karnataka Land Revenue Act of 1964 before granting conversion.

Land conversion, Ashoka said, will be based on the report by the Geological Survey of India (GSI). Those that are categorised as red-alert areas will not be converted. The conversion will be regulated so that the district does not face any landslides.

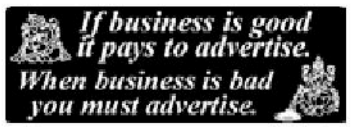
The State had imposed a blanket ban on land conversion in Kodagu following floods and landslides in August 2018. The regulations were tightened based on recommendations made by GSI. Following this, Kodagu district authorities rejected over 693 applications in the last five months to convert land for commercial use.

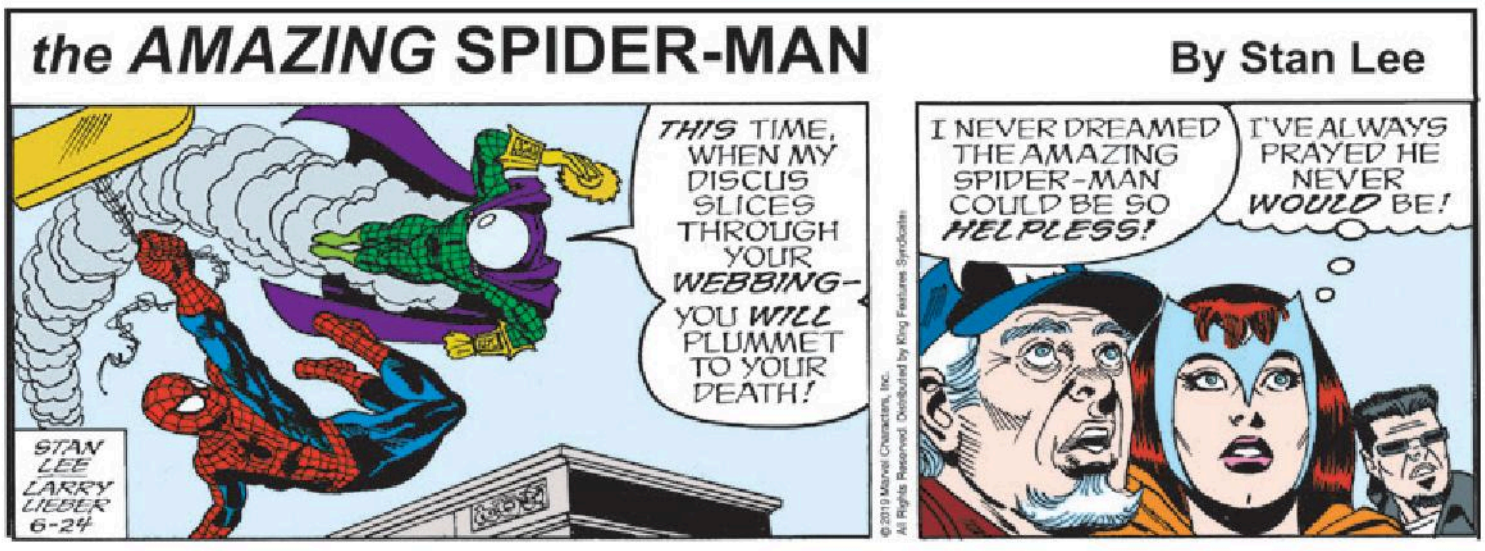
Railways calls for Museum exhibits

Mysuru, Feb. 14- Mysuru Railway Museum is under refurbishment and redevelopment. It will soon be re-opened. Railways in Mysuru have a very old legacy.

The Railways has appealed to Railway enthusiasts, collectors and others in possession of any authentic and original documents, records, artefacts, pictures, etc., connected with Railways development in this region to contribute, share or donate it to Railways.

For details contact Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer on Mob: 9731667400, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lecture on Neo-poetry tomorrow

The University of Mysore's Prasaranga, in association with the Department of Graduate and Post-graduate studies in Kannada, Maharani's Arts College for Women, will be conducting a lecture on Neo-poetry at Maharani's Arts College auditorium on JLB road at 11.30 am tomorrow. Karnataka Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar will inaugurate and Maharani's Arts College Principal Dr. B.T. Vijay will preside.

Tribal Fest

District Minister V. Somanna will inaugurate a Tribal Fest at the Government Higher Primary School premises at N. Belathur in H.D. Kote taluk at 3.30 pm tomorrow. MLA Anil Chikkamadu will preside. The festival is jointly organised by Kannada and Culture Department, H.D. Kote Taluk Administration and N. Belathur Gram Panchayat. The event will feature a grand procession and cultural programmes.

Mandya Okkuta Membership Drive

The inauguration of the membership drive of Mandya Okkuta- Mysuru, has been organised on Feb. 15 at Hotel Southern Star in city at 5 pm. Minister of Municipal Administration and Minister of Horticulture & Sericulture K. C. Narayana Gowda will inaugurate the event in which District in-charge Minister V. Somanna will preside. MLA G.T. Devegowda will launch the Okkuta's logo and MLA C.S. Puttaraju will launch the membership drive. MLAs from Mysuru and Mandya will take part in the event.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Environmental Science to Azis Kemal Fauzie for his thesis 'Impact of ambient particulate matter on Cardiovascular system of Mice' [Guide: Dr. G.V. Venkataramana]

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	115.62 ft
Yesterday	115.84 ft
Inflow	434 cusecs
Outflow	3,188 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,278.28 ft
Inflow	197 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Fire accident while lighting water stove

Constable, son die; wife seriously injured

K.R. Nagar, Feb. 14 (KTR& KS)- A Head Constable and his son died while his wife suffered serious injuries in a fire accident that took place while lighting the water stove at their house in Eshwara Layout at K.R. Nagar last morning.

While the deceased is Renukaswamy (46), a Head Constable attached to City Armed Reserve, Mysuru and his son Tejas (14), Renukaswamy's wife Pushpalatha is seriously injured and is admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru.

Renukaswamy and Pushpalatha

Tejas

Details: Yesterday morning, Renukaswamy, who went to the bathroom at his house where the water stove is situated, placed wood, poured kerosene and ignited the stove. As more kerosene was poured, the flames erupted suddenly. In a bid to avoid the blaze, Renukaswamy, backed a little, knocking down the kerosene can placed right next to him and in the process the fire engulfed.

Pushpalatha rushed to the aid of her husband and as soon as she entered the bathroom, her saree caught fire and the couple began to scream and tried to come out of the bathroom. Their son Tejas, who rushed to the bathroom, was reportedly caught in the fire and died.

Meanwhile, neighbours who rushed to the house of Renukaswamy, managed to douse the fire and admitted them to a local hospital where first-aid was provided and later they were shifted to a private hospital in Mysuru, where Renukaswamy succumbed to burn injuries.

Police said that Renukaswamy had suffered 80% burn injuries while Pushpalatha suffered 30% burns. However, the couple's daughter, who was also present in the house, is safe.

K.R. Nagar Circle Inspector P.K. Raju and staff, visited the spot, conducted an inspection and registered a case. Fire and Emergency Service personnel also inspected the house.

Rammanahalli villagers stage protest, close down Wine store

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&KS)- Enraged over the wine store functioning despite opposition from villagers at Rammanahalli, local villagers including women staged a protest in front of the wine store yesterday and were successful in closing down the wine store yesterday.

The villagers had got the wine store closed a couple of days ago at the village, but the wine store owner under Police protection had opened the wine store yesterday and was conducting business which enraged the villagers.

The irate villagers, who assembled in front of the wine store, staged a protest and got the wine store closed again.

The villagers alleged that the wine store, Ugranarasimha Wine Store, has been functioning in the village since 10 years which had resulted in many men getting addicted to liquor and spending their hard earned money on it. They also alleged that the liquor sold at the wine store was not of good quality and many had taken ill after consuming the liquor sold at this wine store while some had died. The protesting women folk said that their families were in dire straits because of the wine store.

The villagers also alleged that the wine store was located on the main road and many under the influence of alcohol were behaving indecently with the womenfolk and were indulging in eve teasing.

They further said that as the wine store is situated on the main road, frequent accidents were taking place and alleged that the waste generated at the wine store was being discarded unscientifically which was causing pollution.

Alleging that though several complaints were given to the officials concerned through the Gram Panchayat, Gram Panchayat President and members said that no action was taken by anyone in this regard and raised slogans in support of their demand along with the villagers. They claimed that the wine shop and bar in the village was a nuisance with women and school going children feeling unsafe.

Mysuru South Rural Police and Excise Department officials, who rushed to the spot tried to pacify the villagers but in vain. The villagers demanded the wine store be shifted elsewhere following which the wine store staff downed the shutters and left from the spot.

Can you blow cigarette smoke on someone's face?

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&KS)- Two unidentified persons assaulted a 15-year-old boy for a trivial reason. The duo blew noxious cigarette smoke on the boy's face and the boy got irritated and questioned them. Irked by the boy's questioning, the duo assaulted the boy black and blue.

The incident took place at KHB Colony in Hootagalli on Feb. 11 and the boy, who sustained severe injuries, is S. Darshan of KHB Colony. He has been admitted to a private hospital in city.

On Tuesday at about 6.30 pm, Darshan was walking near St. John's School at Hootagalli when two unidentified persons, who were smoking, blew the smoke on his face. When Darshan questioned them on this, the two persons abused Darshan using foul language and beat him up with sticks. As a result, Darshan's hands were fractured. He later filed a complaint with the Vijayanagar Police.

Tree falls, roof damaged

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&KS)- A tree fell on a house damaging its roof at Gokulam on Feb. 12 night.

The house located opposite Suvarna Park on Old Post Office Road in Gokulam 1st Stage, belongs to Muddanna and Siddamma.

The house owners and neighbours have alleged that though the tree fell on the house and damaged the roofing sheets, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials have not bothered to clear the fallen tree.

Karnataka Rakshana Vedike District President K. Madesh and other office-bearers, who rushed to the spot warned of staging a protest in front of MCC Zone-4 Office today, if the MCC officials fail to take action.

No meat sale

Mysuru, Feb.14- As part of Mahashivaratri celebrations, all the slaughter houses and meat stalls coming under the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits, have been asked to down their shutters on Feb. 21, according to a press release from the MCC Commissioner.

Obituary

Parvathamma

Mysuru, Feb. 14- Parvathamma (76), a resident of K.G. Koppal in city passed away yesterday following brief illness.

She leaves behind three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this morning..

Paramesh

Paramesh (45), a resident of Siddalingapura in the taluk passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Siddalingapura Burial Grounds this afternoon.

Hemanth Kumar

Hemanth Kumar (32), an advocate, Member of Mysuru Bar Association and a resident of Chamarajanagar, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following illness.

Last rites will be held at his native place.

Lifting of ban on festival processions in Hunsur

DC seeks public opinion

DC Abhiram G. Sankar seen addressing the meeting as (from left) Assistant Commissioner B.N. Veena, Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath, MP Pratap Simha and Dy. SP C.B. Ryshyanth look on.

Hunsur, Feb.14 (KK&DM)- With the authorities imposing a ban on taking out processions on some roads in Hunsur on the occasion of festivals and national celebrations following untoward incidents in the town during the Hanuma Jayanti celebrations in 2015, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar held a meeting at the Assistant Commissioner's office here on Thursday to elicit public opinion on lifting the ban.

Later speaking to presspersons, the DC said that taking out processions on the town's Factory road, Bazaar Road, JLB Road and other prominent roads during festivals and national celebrations have been banned since 2015 following untoward incidents. But in 2017, some people representatives, associations and organisations appealed for lifting the ban. But it was not possible to hold a consultative meeting with all concerned due to various reasons such as floods, drought, Assembly and Lok Sabha polls. But now a meeting has been held during which the opinion of owners of shops located along these roads and local residents has been elicited.

This meeting was followed by another meeting in which MP, MLA and CMC members took part. The majority of those who attended the meeting wanted the ban on processions to be lifted, he said and added that he would take up the issue with the District Minister shortly.

MP Pratap Simha alleged that the then district administration in 2015 had imposed ban on processions on prominent roads of the town, citing minor issues. But now, a decision will be taken on lifting the ban following consultation with the District Minister.Citing the examples of Shivamogga and Dharwad, where big processions are allowed during festivals and other entertainment programmes, the MP noted that there should be no restrictions for religious festivals and celebrations.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath said that discussions were going on for the past four years for lifting the ban, but a decision had become elusive for various reasons. Now a meeting has been held on the issue and it is his wish that festivals are celebrated peacefully and with harmony. Manjunath further said that he will stand by whatever decision the District and Taluk administrations take on the issue.

SP C.B. Ryshyanth, DySP Sundarraj, Assistant Commissioner B.N.Veena, Tahsildar Basavaraj, newly elected CMC members and other officials were present.

Former Minister asks newly-elected

Hunsur CMC members to work sincerely

Hunsur, Feb.14 (Raghu)- Former Minister and senior BJP Leader A.H. Vishwanath has asked newly elected CMC (City Municipal Council) members to work with dedication and determination without bowing to any political pressure.

Speaking to press persons after being felicitated by the newly elected BJP members of the CMC at Hunsur Press Club on Thursday, Vishwanath said that the CMC members should give prominence for ensuring basic amenities to all residents of their respective Wards.

Stressing on the need for the CMC members to address people's issues before anything else, Vishwanath said that the people of the town have dashed the hopes of local Congress MLA of a sweep in the CMC polls.

A.H. Vishwanath

Assuring full co-operation for the newly elected members for comprehensive development of Hunsur, Vishwanath welcomed MLA H.P. Manjunath's decision to organise a workshop on administration and on their responsibilities for CMC members.

Taluk BJP President Nagannna, CMC members Ganesh, Vivekananda and Harish Kumar, leaders Hanagodu Manjunath, Rajendra, Kunnegowda and others were present.

Shrama Samman: Entries invited

Mysuru, Feb.14- Department of Labour has invited entries from achievers from the unorganised labour sector for conferring of 'Shrama Samman' Award.

Unorganised labour workers such as coolies, tailors, rag pickers, construction workers, mechanics, laundrymen, transport workers, domestic workers, gold smith, bar-benders, pottery makers, hair dressers, rice mill workers etc., can apply.

Applications can be obtained from the Department of Labour, No. 35/A, J.G. Complex New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempu Nagar, Mysuru and the filled-in application form must be returned along with all supporting documents, before Feb.18, according to a press release.

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Former MP calls for review of

Supreme Court ruling on reservation in promotions

Mysuru, Feb.14 (MTY&DM)- Former Congress MP R. Dhruvanarayan has urged the Centre to file a review petition against the recent Supreme Court ruling that reservation in promotions is not a fundamental right.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan here yesterday, Dhruvanarayan said that the SC order on reservation in promotions was shocking. The Prime Minister should convene an all-party meeting at the earliest and file a review petition, he said.

Pointing out that a similar Apex Court ruling on SC/ST Atrocities Act had met widespread opposition across the country, he claimed that the Supreme Court rectified the order after the Centre convinced it on the issue.

Maintaining that the Constitution clearly explains reservation in jobs and promotional reservation for SC/ST communities, Dhruvanarayan alleged that some 'Manuvaadis' were manipulating the Constitution to deprive the SC/STs of their rights for reservation.

Flaying the BJP and RSS for acting against the interests of Social Justice, Dhruvanarayan alleged that silent efforts were being made to undo the reservation quota since the BJP came to power at the Centre six years ago.

Alleging that the BJP does not believe in the Constitution, the former Congress MP alleged that the SC/ST student scholarship has not been revised since the past six years, which is an example of the BJP's anti-social justice stance.

Bemoaning that Dalit MPs have shown little concern over the SC ruling, he urged them to exert pressure on the Union Government to pass a Bill in the Parliament that safeguards promotion reservation in jobs for Dalit communities.

Referring to Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) victory in the recent Delhi assembly polls, Dhruvanarayan said that the people of Delhi had rejected hate politics of the BJP. Asserting that AAP won because of its developmental programmes and people-connect, the former MP said that the Congress should introspect on the party's poor performance and added that he would welcome the inclusion of Pariwar, Talwar and Siddi sub-sects in the list of ST communities, he added.

Former MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, leaders Manjula Manasa, S.C. Basavaraj, and M. Lakshman were present.

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Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

An Ode to a Slogging Soul !

As a practising doctor over nearly forty long years, I have had an occasion to interact closely with the many medical representatives who visit my clinic almost every day as part of their work. This interaction has given me an opportunity to observe them from very close quarters and get an understanding of their joys, sorrows, hopes, aspirations and frustrations. Since the **Federation of Medical and Sales Representatives' Associations of India (FMRAI)** is holding its National Conference in city for three days starting from today, I have written this poem as a tribute to their profession and challenges.

A Medical Rep's Prayer

As I wait patiently for my turn
In this grim and gloomy waiting room
Amidst pained and tortured patients
And even little babes still in the womb

O Lord, Thou great healer
And maker of my destiny, gracious and kind
Listen kindly to my humble prayer
And a little piece of my mind

Please grant every doctor a little grace
To receive me, not with a frown but with a smile
And, to hear my humble plea
Let him spare just a little while

Let him show a little kindness
Especially when my boss is by my side
Lest I look so alien, strange and unknown
Let him be a little friendly when he calls me inside

To read and understand the brochures I give him
Grant him a little patience and some time
Grant him the wisdom to get the doses right
Just like how he keeps track of every penny and dime

Let him always have me by his side
In every battle with pain and disease that he fights
Let him always remember my little gifts
And put my products on every slip he writes

With targets, deadlines and so many doctors to meet
Times are really hard and there is so much strife
Yet, help me O Lord to file my daily reports right
And lead an honest, clean and simple life

And, at the end of the day when I put my bag down
With a smile and say "Ah, I'm done,
That really was a hard, back-breaking and thankless day
But thank God, now it's time for some rest and fun"

Then Lord, let my little home become my heaven
And please let my children and my mate
Understand why I always come home so tired and late
And love me more, despite this job which they hate

And, last but not the least, kind master, if reborn I must be
Be kinder still and grant me this one little boon
Promise me that you'll give me a less painful job
And also put in my mouth a tiny silver spoon !

CRPF opens Memorial near Pulwama terror attack site

On February 14, 2019, a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist rammed explosive-filled vehicle on a bus ferrying CRPF jawans

New Delhi, Feb. 14- Today (Feb. 14) is the 1st anniversary of the gruesome Pulwama terror attack that killed 40 CRPF jawans. As the nation mourns and honours the supreme sacrifice of our soldiers, the CRPF has inaugurated a Memorial to respect and commemorate memories of jawans who had to pay the ultimate price.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation in paying tribute to the personnel killed in Pulwama and said that India will never forget their martyrdom. "Tributes to the brave martyrs who lost their lives in the gruesome Pulwama attack last year. They were exceptional individuals who devoted their lives to serving and protecting our nation. India will never forget their martyrdom," Modi tweeted.

The Memorial has been erected at CRPF's Lethpora camp near the site where the attack took place. On Feb. 14, 2019, a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist rammed explosive-filled vehicle on a bus ferrying CRPF jawans. The bus was part of CRPF convoy.

"It is a way to pay homage to the brave jawans who lost their lives in the attack," Additional Director General of CRPF Zulfiquar Hasan said after a visit to the site. The names of all the 40 personnel along with their pictures will be part of the memorial along with the moto of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) — 'Seva and Nishtha' (Service and Loyalty).

"It definitely was an unfortunate incident and we have learnt our lessons now. We were always extra alert during our movement but now an extra layer of alertness has been added to it," Hasan said. "We fight with extra vigour during an encounter with terrorists and that is why we were able to eliminate the entire Jaish-e-Mohammed commanders immediately after the attack on our jawans," he said.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had also allowed the CRPF to carry its troops by air to avoid the possibility of any such attack. The Jammu and Kashmir Government had imposed a ban on plying of private vehicles on two days in a week to facilitate movement of troops. The order was later rescinded after the situation became normal.

The Memorial has been set up inside a CRPF camp adjacent to the place where Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist Adeel Ahmed Dar, driving an explosive-laden car, blew himself next to a convoy of security forces killing the 40 personnel. Almost all the conspirators behind the dastardly attack have since been killed.

Natl. Science Day at CFTRI on Feb. 28

Guest speaker Dr. Amitabh Joshi launches 3-day Kannada Theatre Fest poster

Mysuru, Feb. 14- As part of National Science Day (Feb. 28) celebrations, CSIR-CFTRI, in association with Mysuru Vijnana Natakotsava Samithi Trust, has organised a three-day Kannada Theatre festival from Feb. 28 to Mar. 1. The festival will be held at its IFTTC Auditorium.

A poster of the festival was released by Dr. KSMS Raghavarao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI and guest speaker Dr. Amitabh Joshi, Professor and Head, Evolutionary and Organismal Biology, JNCASR, Bengaluru, at the valedictory of the 'Future Talk lecture series' held at CFTRI here yesterday. The theatre fest will feature an exhibition of portraits of scientists and a half-day symposium on 'Science Fiction and Science in the Folklore.'

Thus spake Dr. Amitabh Joshi: Many say that evolution is a theory and is not proved. This is because of the confusion between two meanings of the word theory. For commoners, theory means that which is a speculation. For scientists, a theory is a proven concept. In that sense, evolution is a proven concept. Nearly half of the researches in evolutionary biology today is contributed by Indians. Half of the well-known names today in Evolutionary Biology research are also of Indians. There are several Indians who have attained international fame and they have all worked in India.

Almost all precepts that Charles Darwin proposed have been proved experimentally by Experimental biologists. The only issue that today's biology does not agree with Darwin is that evolution is slow and gradual. Experiments have shown that it could be otherwise too. Evolution is not a branch of biology: it is the logical framework within which we view all biological facts, coming from the various sub-disciplines of biology. Medicine, psychology, agriculture and other fields have now come to view their problems through the lens of evolution. For example, drug resistance which is a huge social problem is also a problem of evolution. Evolutionary understanding can tell us better how and why a virus causes disease.

Family, society must accept transgenders: Manjamma Jogati

From Manjunath to Manjamma to President of Karnataka Janapada Academy, it was not a bed of roses

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (MTY&SD)- From a runaway beggar to being the first trans-President of Karnataka Janapada Academy, Manjamma's extraordinary life story is a part of the school syllabus today. Manjamma is heading the only surviving Jogati troupe. Jogati Nritya is a ritual dance performed by Jogappas, a community of transgender people in North Karnataka and in some parts of Andhra Pradesh.

A recipient of the Rajyotsava Award and the Janapada Academy Award, Manjamma Jogati was in city yesterday to inaugurate Bahuroopi Janapadotsava. The renowned practitioner of Jogati Nritya shares with *Star of Mysore* her painful journey from a runaway beggar to heading the State's top institution for folk arts.

Born Manjunath Shetty in Kallukamba village, Kurugodu taluk near Ballari in an Arya Vaishya family, Manjamma's life did not begin as everybody else. Out of 21 children born, only 5 were alive for his parents. As a teenager, Manjunath began to identify himself as a female, which shocked everyone in his family. "My brothers would beat me and my family tried hard to get rid of my feminine tendencies. I was 15 at that time. When I decided to embrace my identity as a woman, my father had even cursed me saying that I was dead to him. I have even tried to consume poison," she recalls.

"They took me to a doctor and later a priest convinced my parents to leave me alone as I have been blessed by some divine power. Finally, they dedicated me as a Jogappa in Huligeyamma Temple near Hospet. That is how I became Manjamma Jogati. And I left home and started begging for a livelihood. At that time, there was no end for my miseries. Some youngsters had even raped me. There was no food or proper shelter either," Manjamma said.

Manjamma Jogati addressing the gathering at Rangayana after inaugurating 'Bahuroopi Janapadotsava' in city yesterday.

"I have passed tenth standard, have worked as a pigmy collector in Nandi Finance in Ballari for two years and have even sold idlis on the street. At that time, I met a folk artiste by name Mattikal Basappa and I learned this Jogati Nritya from him. A transgender and a Jogati Nritya performer, Kalavva Jogati, also has taught me this dance form. This art form is a ritual dance performed to appease Goddess Yellamma and is generally performed by a group of transgenders, known as Jogappas. I learned Choudaki Pada, Jogati Nritya and other dance forms." she added.

"In 1990s, I formed my own team of Jogatis comprising 13 members. I have also acted in a number of dramas. I was very well known on stage as Parashurama, Bhasmasura, Tarakasura, Sangavva, Kamadhenu, as Gowdasani in Renuka Devi Mahatme," she said. Today, she is a recipient of the Rajyotsava Award and the Janapada Academy award, a recognised artiste from the Government.

When *Star of Mysore* asked her about her advice to the society and transgender, she said, "If a family accepts a transgender person, the society would follow the same steps and respect them. You need to accept transgender persons first and provide them jobs, as they are doing in other States, so that they would not become a sex worker or a beggar or involve in any unlawful activities. I would like to advice transgender persons to get a proper education which would help them get jobs and lead a decent life."

P. Yellamma and troupe from Hagaribommanahalli, Ballari, presenting Jogati dance at Rangayana last evening as part of 'Bahuroopi Janapadotsava.'

'Bahuroopi Janapadotsava' inaugurated

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (YDS&SD)- Bahuroopi Janapadotsava, which has been organised as part of the annual theatre festival of Rangayana, Bahuroopi 2020, began last evening at Rangayana. The theme for this year's theatre fest is 'Gandhi Patha.'

Karnataka Janapada Academy President Manjamma Jogati inaugurated the Folk Festival in a traditional manner by pouring grains into the bags of folk artistes 'Gorava' and 'Jogati' at Kindarijogi vedike yesterday evening.

Speaking after inaugurating the event, Manjamma Jogati, who is a recipient of the Rajyotsava award and the Janapada Academy award, said, "Earlier, we used to say that TV and cinemas could have a negative impact on theatre activities, but now TV serials are negatively influencing every householder. I would like to advise you to minimise your TV, mobile and other such media. Instead support theatre, folk art and other such creative art forms."

Karnataka Janapada Academy President Manjamma Jogati and Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa symbolically filling grains into the bag (jolige) of a 'Gorava' artiste to mark the inauguration of 'Bahuroopi Janapadotsava' at Rangayana last evening. Also seen are Kannada and Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa, Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Bahuroopi-2020 Convenor Hulugappa Kattimani and Janapadotsava Convenor Geetha Montadka.

"In an effort to preserve our folk tradition, we are organising three-day training camp in Udupi from Feb. 24. I have already interviewed the artists who have applied for pension," Manjamma Jogati said.

Principal of Yakshagana Centre, Yaksha Gurukula Shikana Trust, Udupi, Bannanje Sanjeeva Suvarna and Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa addressed the gathering on the occasion.

Later, P. Yellamma and troupe, Hagaribommanahalli, Ballari, performed Jogati dance which was followed by 'Gorava Kunita' by Rajashekhar Murthy and troupe, Chamarajanagar.

Bahuroopi on *Gandhi Patha* set to be steered by Addanda Cariappa

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (BCT)- Rangayana's national theatre festival — Bahuroopi — the much-awaited theatre festival of Mysuru is back, bringing well-known theatre troupes to perform before the city's theatre buffs.

The six-day festival will be inaugurated by Actor Anant Nag this evening.

The festival will unfold in the decked-up premises of Rangayana this evening and what is special this year is the festival theme of *Gandhi Patha* (Gandhi Path), coinciding with Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrations.

The festival will bring to light the life and times of the Mahatma in various forms, including plays, bhajans, photographs and symposiums.

The festival is being spearheaded by Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, who will tread on the path laid by *Ranga Bheeshma* B.V. Karanth (whose brainchild was Rangayana) and former Directors C. Basavalingiah, Prasanna and Chidambararao Jambe and others.

The theme *Gandhi Patha* is sure to attract the attention of theatre personalities and drama lovers who had been yearning for a unique theme and the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of the Mahatma has provided the opportunity for a much-needed change.

Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa and Mime Ramesh giving final touches to Gandhiji's statue.

Life and times of the Mahatma

The festival will provide a platform for many multilingual plays concentrating on Gandhiji, Satyagraha and simple living style, a photography expo featuring the life and times of the Mahatma, a national symposium on Gandhi's thoughts and life, a film festival, the recital of soul-stirring bhajans, a poetry recitation (how poets see Gandhi), theatre music and folk performances, street plays, Yakshagana performances, leather puppetry and books and handicrafts expo will be a part of the theme.

Also, there will be live demonstrations of indigenous handcrafts and desi food will be served in indigenous food huts at the festival that will serve lip-smacking native food elaborately chosen from the rural areas.

February festival

As there was a sudden change in Governments and following the appointment of Addanda C. Cariappa as the Rangayana Director, the Bahuroopi festival had to be postponed to February from the earlier-scheduled January. Though there was little time for the director to steer things, the festival will begin in right earnest this evening, thanks to the vast experience of Cariappa who single-handedly built theatre in his home district of Kodagu.

Having more than 40 years of experience in theatre, art and culture, Cariappa has several works in Kannada and Kodava languages to his credit. He is active in film and television as well. He has been the Chairman of Karnataka Kodava Sahitya Academy and member of Karnataka Nataka Academy earlier.

A big name in Kodava theatre

Cariappa obtained formal training in theatre from School of Drama, Heggodu and he is a big name in Kodava language theatre and has carved a niche for himself in the State Theatre. A multi-faceted talent, he is credited with giving a new dimension to Kodava theatre after Haradasa Appaneravanda Appacha Kavi.

He built 'Srishti Kodagu Ranga' repertoire in Kodagu that was a mix of Kannada and Kodava language — a first-of-its kind experiment — and ran it for 12 years without single rupee assistance from the Government.

Link between Kodava-Kannada

Cariappa has been credited for transforming Kodava theatre into a vital link between Kodava and Kannada languages and he is also known for having made significant contributions to Kodava language, theatre, films, etc. He has directed over more than 75 dramas in Kodava and Kannada and directed two Kodava films.

He is known as a playwright who does not compromise on quality and does his best to convey the intended social message through his plays. Some of his plays he has scripted, performed and directed are, "Kodagina Koneya Arasa", "Purusha", "Swathanthra Yodha Chengappa", "Vyavasthe", "Marukalisida Hejje", "Dewan Bopanna", "Amarakavi Appacha", "Badk", "Jamma", "Kall", "Militarikaara" and others.

Bringing tribals to mainstream

Cariappa has also directed and performed in many plays based on William Shakespeare's "Macbeth", "Hamlet", T.P. Kailasam's "Poli Kitti" and "Tollu-Gatti" and Poornachandra Tejaswi's "Thabarana Kathe". He is the recipient of "Bhasha Samman" Award given away by the Kendra Sahitya Academy.

A notable contribution of Cariappa is bringing tribals into the mainstream of the society. He used to stay in tribal *haadis* of Kodagu where Yeravas, Kurubas and Jenu-Kurubas stayed, mixed with them, understood their language, culture and food habits and brought them to the fore through theatre.

Adverse comments targeting Rangayana Director flayed

- Mysuru Rakshana Vedike demands former Director Janni to withdraw statements
- Says Rangayana must be freed from plays that promote leftist ideologies

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RKB&BCT)- People with one-track mindset cannot accept a multi-faceted theatre festival like Bahuroopi and those who criticise Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa must introspect about how Rangayana was run when they were at the helm, said Mysuru Rakshana Vedike President M.K. Premkumar.

Taking on former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni), he told reporters at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday that Janni demanding the sacking of Cariappa for his remarks about Tipu Sultan is ridiculous. "I strongly condemn Janni's statement," he said.

At an event held in city recently, Addanda Cariappa, airing his thoughts on Tipu Sultan and left-leaning intellectuals taking all benefits from Government, had said that though Tipu Sultan was considered a hero in Mysuru, in Kodagu he was responsible for killing thousands of Kodavas including his own ancestors of his family and the history of Kodagu is steeped with many atrocities on Kodavas including massacre and forcible conversions.

Mysuru Rakshana Vedike President M.K. Premkumar seen addressing a press meet in city yesterday as BJP leader Mohan looks on.

This was objected to by Janni who said that Cariappa had defamed Mysuru and was pursuing right-wing agenda at Rangayana. Janni demanded immediate sacking of Cariappa and said that he was speaking as a representative of a political party and not as the director of theatre repertoire Rangayana.

Objecting to Janni's statement, Mysuru Rakshana Vedike's M.K. Premkumar said, "What is wrong in Cariappa mentioning the atrocities on Kodavas by the 18th Century ruler Tipu Sultan? Cariappa comes from Kodagu and he has spoken how his community members were killed, tortured and forcibly converted by Tipu. Moreover, the State Government has not blindly appointed Cariappa as the Rangayana Director. Cariappa has been striving for the cause of theatre since 40 years," he said.

Addanda Cariappa has all the eligibility and capacity to head Rangayana and theatre lovers and artistes are fully confident that he will take theatre to greater heights, nationally and internationally, Premkumar added.

"Janni must actually encourage people like Cariappa as Bahuroopi Theatre Festival on 'Gandhi Patha' is being organised. Instead, Janni is furthering his leftist ideology. I demand that Janni must immediately withdraw his statement against Cariappa," he said.

Prem Kumar demanded that historical plays that reflect the desi culture of India must be staged at Rangayana and not plays that further leftist thoughts and ideologies. "Rangayana must be freed from Naxal activities and ideologies as all these years only those thoughts have been promoted through plays. Rangayana is funded by public money and there must be a probe on how the Government funds were misused to promote Naxal activities. Complete details of the funds released so far and the types of plays staged at Rangayana must be made public," he said.

Bahuroopi inauguration this evening

6 pm: Inauguration at Vanaranga, Rangayana premises. Veteran Kannada Actor and Theatre artiste **Anant Nag** inaugurates, Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi releases the souvenir, Mysuru District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna inaugurates the Handicrafts Exhibition, Mysuru Mayor Tasneem, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and Canara Bank Head Office (Bengaluru) Executive Director A. Manimekhalai chief guests, MLA L. Nagendra presides, Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar, Kannada and Culture Department Secretary R.R. Jannu, Department Kannada and Culture Director Rangappa, Rangayana artiste and Bahuroopi-2020 Co-ordinator Hulugappa Kattimani, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa and Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will be present.

7 pm: 'Gandhi Bhajans' by Renowned vocalist Vidu. Sangeetha Katti at Vanaranga.

DRAMAS

KIRU RANGAMANDIRA, 7.30 PM

'Bendakaalu on Toast (Kannada) - Sanchaari Rangaghataka, Rangayana
Playwright: Dr. Girish Karnad; *Direction*: Chidambara Rao Jambe

BHOOMIGEETA, 7.30 PM

Shadaanbagi Ishai Hunter Song (Manipuri) - N.T. Theatre, Manipur
Playwright: Neeladhwaj Khuman; *Direction*: Ningthoja Deepak

VANARANGA, 8 PM

Veera Rani Kitturu Chennamma (Kannada) - Graamaranga, Moodalapaya Doddaata Research & Training Institute, Ingalagi, Kundagol, Dharwad

Street play staged, Girish Kasaravalli inaugurates Film Festival

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&SD)- 'Gandhi Patha' is the theme for this year's Bahuroopi Theatre Festival. On this occasion, Desi Ranga of Mysuru staged a street play at City Railway Station this morning at 11 am. Janapadotsava Convenor Geetha Montadka inaugurated the play. As part of the theatre festival, Desi Ranga, Hejje Gejje and Ranga Sangama theatre troupes will be staging street plays in different areas across the city every day till Feb. 19.

Film Festival inaugurated

Internationally renowned film-maker Girish Kasaravalli inaugurated the Film Festival at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana premises being held as part of the ongoing Bahuroopi Theatre Festival-2020. Speaking after inaugurating the Film Festival, Girish Kasaravalli said, "Today's generation lacks ethics. This Bahuroopi theatre festival is a convergence of allegory (bahuroopaka) to the challenges of our life." Film Critic Vidyashankar and Rangayana Director Addanda Cariappa also addressed the gathering.

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Film Festival Convenor K. Manu, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman Sunil Puranik, Rangayana artistes Hulugappa Kattimani and others were present.

Film-maker Girish Kasaravalli inaugurating the Bahuroopi Film Festival as Rangayana Director Addanda Cariappa and Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman Sunil Puranik look on.

Medical and Sales Reps meet begins in city

Mysuru, Feb.14 (RK&DM)- The three-day General Council meeting of Federation of Medical and Sales Representatives' Associations of India (FMRAI), began at MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, JK Grounds here this morning.

Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, former Karnataka High Court Judge Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das said that it was vital to have a better understanding of our Constitution in order to get our issues addressed. Asserting that the Indian Constitution is among the best in the world, he said that the people should read and try to understand it properly as the Constitution gives us knowledge about the rights and responsibilities.

CITU (Centre of Indian Trade Unions) All India Vice-President A.K. Padmanabhan, who spoke after inaugurating the General Council meeting, said FMRAI has been able to achieve many milestones in ensuring social, legal and economic justice for Sales Promotion employees. FMRAI has been consistently conducting programmes for the cause of public health and rationale drug policies, Zero GST on medicines, ban on online sale of medicines etc., for years, he added.

Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, Chairman, Reception Committee, FMRAI General Council meeting, in his welcome address, said he was happy to note that the meeting is taking place for the first time in Mysuru, also called the 'City of Palaces.'

FMRAI President R. Ramesh Sundar presided.

More than 500 delegates from different parts of the country are taking part in event, which concludes on Feb.16.

1.85 lakh passengers use Mysore Airport in 28 months

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Earned the trust of flyers: MP

Commenting on this success, MP Pratap Simha told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the fully functional airport has been achieved with farsightedness and with the support offered to Mysuru under UDAN. "Mysore Airport stands as the best example for new flights to be introduced, effective marketing and also earning the trust of flyers. Now Mysureans are sure that flights are operated regularly and if they reach the airport on the scheduled time, a flight will be there to take them to desired destinations," he said.

"During my first stint as MP, I relentlessly pursued the matter with the Civil Aviation Ministry and Mysureans can see the results in my early second term," he said and added that he was actively pursuing the Mysore Airport Runway expansion so that the runway can be extended from the existing 1,740 metres to 2,750 metres for wide-bodied aircraft Airbus-320/321 to take off and land.

Airport Director R. Manjunath told *SOM* that the new flights have come as a boon to businessmen, tourists and also the IT head-honchos. "Mysuru has great potential for business networking and some of the networking aims have been realised as businessmen frequently fly to and from Mysuru," he said.

After Bengaluru, Mysuru is the second busiest, popular and culturally important destination. Thanks to UDAN scheme and MP Simha, there is good air connectivity. "There are plans to introduce more flights. It is not only the local businessmen and industrialists who are flying out or landing in Mysore Airport but many tourists and other travellers are using the flights for quicker and easy reach and also to take connecting flights to other destinations," said Manjunath.

Three city students drown in S'Patna

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The students, after reaching Shambhulinganakatte near the burial grounds in Srirangapatna, ventured into Cauvery River. While swimming, one of the students was swept away by strong water currents. Seeing their friend drowning, the other two students tried to save him but they too were caught in water currents and drowned, the Srirangapatna Police said.

The body of Mujassim Ahmed was fished out while Fire and Emergency Services personnel and expert swimmers and divers are searching for other bodies. Srirangapatna Town Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Malladi Bani at RAAGA tomorrow

RAAGA Music Academy's 80th monthly music concert for wellness will see young Karnatak vocalist **Vidwan S.R. Vinay** perform at the premises of Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre in Kuvempunagar on Feb.15 at 5.30 pm. He will be accompanied by senior violinist **Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan, Vid. Malladi Aravind** on mridanga and **Vid. T.N. Ajay** on ghata. The concert will be preceded by a talk on *Healthy Living through Ayurveda and Yoga* by Dr. N.V Krishnamurthy, Director Prajna Kuteera, at 4.30 pm.

Profile: Vid. Vinay had his initial training under Vidushi Seethalakshmi, Vidushi Lalitha Chandramouli and later came under the tutelage of Vidwan R.K. Padmanabha. He is currently undergoing advanced training under Vidwan Malladi Suribabu, the father of Vidwans Malladi Sreeramprasad and Ravi Kumar.

Vid Vinay is the recipient of *Nada Kishora and Ananya Pratibha Puraskara*. His music school, Vadiraja Kala Kendra at Vadiraja Kala Mandira in Hulimavu, Bengaluru, that started with the blessings of Guru *Ganakalabhushana* R.K. Padamanabha, has been grooming more than 45 students.

He has composed music and background score for a famous drama written by Aa.Na. Kru named *"Sandya Raaga." Gana Sudha* is one of his audio releases. — **Veena Arun Kumar**

'Guru-Shishya Nrityollasa' at Veene Seshanna Bhavan

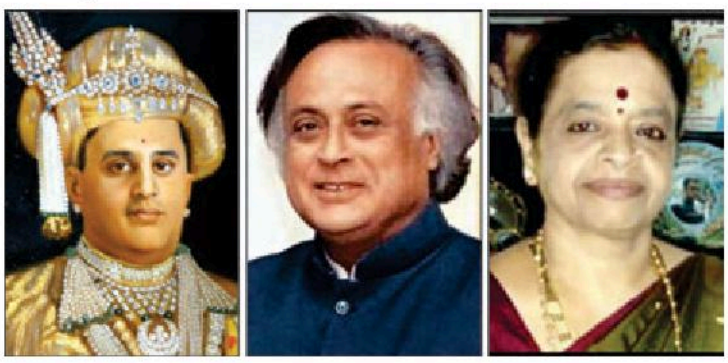
Mysuru, Feb. 14- 'Guru-Shishya' parampara denotes a succession of teachers and disciples in traditional Vedic culture. It is the tradition of spiritual relationship and mentoring where teachings are transmitted from a 'Guru' (teacher) to a 'Shishya' (student). Shishya eventually masters the knowledge Guru embodies.

City's Nrityagiri Academy has initiated a special series *'Guru-Shishya Nrityollasa,'* a dance recital by Guru-Shishya duo **Vidushi Dr. Kripa Phadke,** Director, Nrityagiri Academy and her disciple, **Vidushi Suraksha Dixit,** at Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, in city on Feb. 17 at 6.15 pm. Music ensemble will have nattuvangam by Vidu. Roopashree Madhusudan, vocal by Vidu. Rajeshwari Pandit with Vid. P. Janardhan Rao on mridanga and Vid. Pradeshacharya on niolin.

Artiste's Profile: A disciple of Vidushi Dr. Kripa Phadke and Shanthala awardee Vidushi B. Bhanumati, Suraksha is the daughter of Gayathri and Girijashankar and sister of Sudhanva Dixit. She successfully completed her Rangapravesham in Feb. 2018. Suraksha has also completed her Vidwat securing 2nd rank in Mysuru and is a recipient of 'CCRT scholarship' from Ministry of Culture, Government of India and scholarship from Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy. She has also participated in 'Bharatanrityam workshop' under the guidance of *Padma Bhushan* Dr. Padma Subramanyam. She has performed at various prestigious platforms such as Dubai Vishwa Samskruti Utsav, Kumbh Mela of Ujjain and Prayagraj.

Birth Centenary Fete of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar

Lecture by Jairam Ramesh, Musical tribute by Sukanya Prabhakar on Feb. 20



Jayachamaraja Wadiyar *Jairam Ramesh* *Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar*

Mysuru, Feb. 14- The HH Sri Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Foundation, Mysore Palace, has organised the third segment of the ongoing birth centenary celebrations of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar on Feb. 20 at 3 pm at the Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri.

The programme includes a lecture series by Jairam Ramesh, Rajya Sabha MP on *"Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and the Indian Board of Wildlife."* The lecture will focus on the contribution of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar to our eco-biodiversity and wildlife.

This will be followed by a musical tribute to Jayachamaraja Wadiyar by renowned musician Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, *"Gaanarajendra Sri Jayachamarajendra."*

Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar in the musical tribute directed by her will attempt to bring out the uniqueness and special characteristics such as lyrics in Sanskrit, rare ragas and laya patterns, etc., of the 94 kritis composed by the Maharaja.

Later, *'Sri Jayachamaraja Award'* will be conferred on Musicologist Dr. R. Satyanarayana [Posthumous], Dr. T.S. Satyavathi and Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar for their contributions to Karnatak Classical music.

On the occasion, Kamakshi Devi and Indrakshi Devi will reminisce about their time with Jayachamaraja Wadiyar.

Jairam Ramesh: A former Union Minister for Environment & Forests and presently a Member of Rajya Sabha representing Karnataka, Jairam Ramesh, a native of Chikmagalur, is a prolific writer and a pre-eminent political biographer of our times.

After obtaining degrees from IIT Bombay and Carnegie Mellon University, USA, he spent a year in MIT before returning to India. He has held several key positions in the Ministry of Industry, Planning Commission and Prime Minister's Office before entering politics.

Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar: Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar hails from a family of musicians. Her mother happens to be a direct disciple of N. Chennakeshavaiah, Asthana Vidwan in the erstwhile State of Mysore. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar was awarded Ph.D for her research titled *"Contributions of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar to Karnatak Music – A Study."*

The entry for the programme is open to all and for more details, call the Foundation on Mob: 99806-56631.

Annual Day: Ganabharathi Music teachers felicitated

Music teachers M.B. Nagashree, M.S. Thyagarajan and K. Bhagyalakshmi are seen with (standing) S. Mahalakshmi, Bhaskar Baada, B. Suresh, K.N. Sharadamba, M.P. Shyalaja, R.K. Raghavan, V. Suma, N.V. Sathyanarayan, School Vice-President H.R. Sundareshan, Principal Latha Deshpande, H.V. Rajeev, Dr. M.S. Bhaskar, School President Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, S. Ramaprasad, Manasanayana, V.S. Ramesh, C.S. Janardhan and A.S. Prasanna Kumar.

Mysuru, Feb. 14- The annual day function of Ganabharathi School of Music and Dance was held at Veene Seshanna Bhavan on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar here recently.

H.V. Rajeev of Pramathi School and noted Neurosurgeon Dr. M.S. Bhaskar were the chief guests for the valedictory function in which Ganabharathi School music teachers — M.B. Nagashree, M.S. Thyagarajan, and K. Bhagyalakshmi — were felicitated.

Samarpana Trust fetes Dr. A.R. Seetharam

As part of its monthly programme, city's Samarpana Educational and Endowment Charitable Trust recently felicitated Yogashri Dr. A.R. Seetharam, Founder, Paramahamsa Yoga Therapy and Counselling Centre, Mysuru. He is seen with (from left) Trust Treasurer and Lecturer Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, Social Worker G.P. Harish, Trust Hon. Secretary M.S. Balasubramanyam, members Padma Venkatesh and Usharani.

41st National Masters Athletic Championship 2020

City's Manju, Yogendra bag medals

Master athlete M. Yogendra representing Karnataka, seen receiving the bronze medal he won in the 3000m steeplechase event in the men's 55-plus category in the 41st National Masters Athletic Championship 2020 held at Imphal, Manipur, from David Premnath, Secretary General, Masters Athletic Federation of India on Thursday. Picture right shows Mysuru's Master Athlete N.Manju, who won the silver medal in the men's 45-plus category in the Hammer Throw event.

Mysuru, Feb. 14- Mysuru's Master Athletes N. Manju and M.Yogendra, representing Karnataka in the 41st National Masters Athletic Championship 2020 at Imphal, Manipur from Feb.9 - 14, won the silver and bronze medals respectively in their respective categories on Thursday.

N. Manju won the silver medal in the men's 45-plus Hammer throw event. He threw the Hammer do a distance of 33.01mtrs.

M. Yogendra, taking part in the men's 55-plus steeplechase event, won the bronze medal with a timing of 14m:08.7s.

Tata Steel PGTI Players Golf Championship 2020

Veer Ahlawat emerges as sole leader

Yashas, Prafful Chand fare well

Bengaluru, Feb. 14- Gurugram's Veer Ahlawat shot a seven-under-65 to pull ahead by two shots on the penultimate day of the TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2020 presented by Eagleton — The Golf Resort. Veer Ahlawat's total stood at 19-under-197 at the Rs. 30 lakh event.

Patna's Aman Raj fired a 67 to occupy second place at 17-under-199 at the second event of the 2020 TATA Steel PGTI season.

Bengaluru's Mari Muthu made two eagles en route his 66 to move into third place at 15-under-201.

Mysuru lad M.S. Yashas Chandra of JWGC came up with a third day score of 3-under-69 and with a three-day aggregate score of 5-under-211 (72+70+69) is tied in the 21st place in the ranking after the third day.

Another youngster from JWGC, Mysuru, Prafful Chand returned with a three-day aggregate score of 3-under-213 (69+71+73) and is tied 25th place in the ranking.

Pune-based Udayan Mane and Bengaluru's Chikkarangappa returned scores of 67. While Mane was placed fourth at 14-under-202, Chikka was a further shot back in fifth position.

Bengaluru's Khalin Joshi (72) was in seventh at 11-under-205.

Gurugram's Manu Gandas shot the day's best score of 64. He was placed tied eighth at nine-under-207.

Excel in Softball Tournament

The women's softball team of MICA College, Mysuru, emerged as 2nd Runners-up in Mysore University Inter-Zone Women's Game 2019-2020 hosted by Bharathi College, Mandya, in association with University of Mysore recently. Seen are *(from left - standing)* ***Sports Coordinator M.P. Sridhar, Maria, Anusha, Vaishnavi Singh, Lekhana, Sanjana, Sinchana, Simran, Sindhu, Manasvi;*** *(sitting)* ***PE Director K.J. Mohan Kumar, Brinda (Captain), Principal M.N. Ponnamma, Deepa (Vice-Captain), Coach Tiju Joseph;*** *(kneeling)* ***Akshita G. Naidu and Sareen Khan.***

RCB unveils new logo ahead of IPL 2020

New Delhi, Feb. 14- Ahead of the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020, franchise Royal Challengers Bangalore unveiled their new logo this morning. The team took to Twitter to make the announcement and posted a small video to unveil the new logo.

"THIS IS IT. The moment you've been waiting for. New Decade, New RCB, New Logo! #PlayBold," Royal Challengers Bangalore's official handle tweeted.

RCB on Wednesday removed their profile picture and posts from various social media accounts, including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The side's performance in the premier T20 tournament has not been up to the mark as the side finished last during the 2017 and 2019 campaign. In 2018, they finished at the sixth spot. Their last best performance came in 2016 as they made it to the final of the tournament.

Winners of Shuttle Badminton Tourney

Seen are *(from left)* ***Muheed Ahamed, Lakshdeep, S.K. Mohan Kumar and A. Shivakrishna.***

Mysuru, Feb.14- The Shuttle Badminton teams of KEB Engineers Association (KEBEA), Mysuru Zone, won both winners and runners-up trophies in the State-level Shuttle Badminton Tournament organised by the KEBEA, Bengaluru, at Bengaluru recently.

While Assistant Engineers (AEs) Muheed Ahamed and M. Lakshdeep from Group-A won first place, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) A. Shivakrishna and AE S.K. Mohan Kumar from Group B secured second place.

A total of 24 teams (2 teams each from 12 Zones) of KEBEA Zonal Centres from across the State had taken part in the event.

Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour III Leg

Amandeep Drall, Oviya Reddy in joint lead

Pranavi placed third after second day

Chennai, Feb. 14- Amandeep Drall with a two-day aggregate score of 3-over-147 (74+73) along with Oviya Reddy (147-73+74) jointly lead at the end of the second-day of the three-day Hero Women's Pro Golf tour's III leg played at the TNGF Cosmo Golf Course, Chennai on Thursday.

Mysuru's Pranavi S. Urs (JWGC), making her professional debut, is placed third (80+69-149) along with Afshan Fatima (149-77+72) at the end of the second round.

Neha Tripathi (151) is placed fifth while Vani Kapoor (152) is placed sixth in the ranking.

Mysuru's Sonam Chugh with a two-day aggregate score of 154 (77+77) is placed joint tenth in the ranking, according to the organisers.

Elected to Mysore Merchants Co-op. Bank

R. Anand was unanimously elected as President and R.P. Krishnamurthy as Vice-President of The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank Limited for the period 2020 -2025. They are seen with Bank Directors S. Rachappaji, C.S. Gangambike, N. Sudha, A. Prabhuprasad, B. Kodandaram, B.R. Nandish, K. Premkumar, M.N. Mahesh, N. Raghava, C.V. Somashekar, N. Kannan and Bank General Manager Sridhar B. Kulkarni.

Register FIRs against tea shops violating COTPA: ADC tells officials

- Rs. 8,000 worth cigarettes and gutka seized from three shops
- Three persons fined Rs. 200 each for smoking in public

Mysuru, Feb.14 (MK&KS)- In an effort to implement the COTPA ACT in city effectively, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) B.R. Poornima, along with the officials of the District Health and Family Welfare Department and the District Administration, conducted raids on various shops selling cigarettes and other tobacco products in the surroundings of Suburban Bus Stand on Feb. 12 evening. The team also seized cigarettes and other tobacco products worth about Rs. 8,000 from these shops for violating Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA). Three persons were also fined Rs. 200 each for smoking in public.

The ADC also instructed the officials to register FIRs against the owners of six tea shops at Maharaja Complex and on Irwin Road for allowing people to smoke in public and for not displaying warning signs of tobacco usage.

The ADC further said that efforts are being made to make Mysuru a tobacco-free city and action is being initiated against those smoking in public places. From April 2019 till date, a total of 1,162 cases have been registered and a total fine of Rs. 2.19 lakh has been imposed, she added.

'The public may lodge complaints through *'Stop Tobacco'* mobile phone app if they find people smoking in public places and also on those violating COTPA,' said Poornima.

Health and Family Welfare Department District Surveillance Officer Dr. T. Shivaprasad, District Advisor Shivakumar, Nazarbad Assistant Sub-Inspector Mallesh and others were present.

CESC public grievances meet tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 14- A public grievances meeting has been organised tomorrow at 11 am at the Offices of Assistant Executive Engineers at their respective CESC Sub-divsions in city.

V.V Mohalla Sub-Division: Residents of Jayalakshmipuram, M.G. Koppal, Vontikoppal and Metagalli and surrounding areas; **Hootagalli:** Beerihundi, Hootagalli, Yelwala, Roopanagar and Bogadi; **Kuvempunagar:** Saraswathipuram, Nivedithanagar, Aravindnagar and surrounding areas; **Ramakrishnanagar:** Vivekanandanagar, Jayapura, Harohalli and surrounding areas. Consumers may air their grievances at the meet to be chaired by CESC Superintending Engineer.

Power disruption

Mysuru, Feb.14- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in Koorgali Industrial area, Excel Public School, Vinyas, Koorgalli Lake and surrounding areas, Gopalan Compound, Vipro, Meritor, Pattabhi Enterprises, Millennium, L&T, Mark Batteries Road, Chamundi Silks, Metagalli Industrial area, Hebbal Industrial area and surrounding areas.

Extra-corporeal Radiotherapy performed on 9-year-old

Seen** (from left) **Dr. K.R. Suhas, Dr. M.B. Suman and Narayana Multispecialty Hospital Marketing Head K.V. Kamath at the press meet.

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (KS)- Doctors at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, Mysuru, Dr. K.R. Suhas, Dr. M.B. Suman and their team, have performed Extra-Corporeal Radiotherapy on a nine-year-old girl to save her from bone cancer. The successful completion of the treatment has made Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, the first hospital in the city to have performed this therapy.

The girl came to the Hospital with complaints of pain and swelling in the right leg for more than a month. On detailed examination through x-ray and needle biopsy, it was identified that the girl was suffering from Ewing's sarcoma of the right tibia, which is a very rare type of cancer that affects the bone. Initially, the patient was put on neoadjuvant chemotherapy. As chemotherapy was not a permanent solution, the doctors suggested removal of the cancerous tumor through Extra-Corporeal Radiotherapy. In this procedure, the affected bone is removed, subjected to radiation in a sterile manner and once the cancerous cells are destroyed, the same bone is placed back in its position.

The surgery was successfully performed on the girl and as part of the treatment protocol, the child is undergoing further chemotherapy sessions.

Dr. M.B. Suman said, "In traditional surgery, an artificial metal bone is inserted, but in Extra-Corporeal radiotherapy, the natural bones are retained making it more of a biological procedure. Further, as natural bones are implanted back it eliminates the need to match the length of allografts and does not require revision surgeries that are generally associated with traditional surgeries. In extra-corporeal radiotherapy, the chances of rejection is minimal as it is the patient's own tissue that is implanted."

Bone cancers are rare tumors accounting to only about 1-3 percent of all types of cancers. Few years back, bone cancer was considered to be as a dreaded disease. Today with the advent of modern surgical techniques, chemotherapy and radiotherapy it is possible to save the limb in more than 90 percent of patients and cure cancer completely in about 60-80 percent.

Libraries in all 65 Wards of the city soon: Mayor

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&SD)- Mysuru Mayor Tasneem has assured that libraries will be set up in all the 65 Wards of the city soon with the provision of basic facilities including toilets and electricity.

She was speaking at a meeting convened with the District Library Committee members at City Central Library, Government Ayurveda College Circle, recently.

"Out of 65 Wards, only 28 Wards have libraries. We have instructed officials to set up libraries in the remaining Wards. Concerned officials have also been instructed to visit the existing libraries and make arrangements to provide basic infrastructure including toilets, newspapers and electricity." I will be visiting these libraries myself in the first week of March," the Mayor added.

The respective area Corporators have been advised to inspect their respective libraries at regular intervals. The Mayor also instructed to relieve those Committee members who have been absent for library meetings.

"Out of the Library Cess collected from the public, Rs. 22 crore should be given the City Central Library," the Mayor said and added that for now, the Government has agreed to release Rs. 3 crore.

Central Library Deputy Director B. Manjunath, Committee members Shantakumari and Ramesh were present at the meeting.

Five persons arrested while attempting to sell Sand Boa

Madikeri, Feb. 14 (KS)- The Forest Mobile Squad personnel have arrested five persons, who were trying to sell a Sand Boa snake at Thithimathi in Virajpet taluk on Feb. 12 and have rescued the snake from them.

The accused are 57-year-old Mulla Mehaboob Vali, 45-year-old Sheik Mulla Chand Pasha, 27-year-old S. Fayaz, 45-year-old Boya Rangaswamy and 29-year-old Sheik Pedda Mehboob Basha, all residents of Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh.

The accused, on Feb. 12 at about 6.30 pm, were travelling in a Maruti Swift Dzire car (AP-20-AV-7821) from Kurnool via Mysuru to go to Kerala and had kept the snake in a small leather bag. When they came to Thithimathi, the Forest Mobile Squad personnel, acting on a tip off, approached the accused in the guise of buyers and raided the car near Chennangoli Bus Stand and arrested them besides rescuing the snake and seizing the car.

The snake, which was kept in a red leather bag is 45 inches in length, weighs 2.8 kg and is eight inches thick.

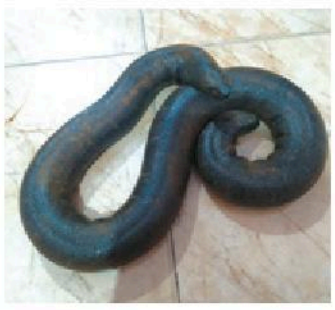
During interrogation, the accused are said to have told the Police that they had fixed a price of Rs. 2 crore for the snake and were smuggling it to Kerala to sell it.

The Forest Department, which has registered a case under Wildlife Protection Act, produced the accused before a Court at Ponnampet which remanded the accused to judicial custody.

Madikeri CID Forest Mobile Unit Superintendent of Police (SP) Suresh Babu supervised staff K.B. Somanna, T.P. Manjunath, M.B. Ganesh, P.B. Monnappa and Revappa in the nabbing and seizing operations.

Why are sand boas in demand?

Sand Boa snakes are non-venomous snakes that have attracted a lot of attention in the recent times. As its tail resembles its head, it is often mistaken as a two-headed snake. The reptiles are high in demand and are marked as one of the costliest creatures in the black market with a price ranging from lakhs to crores. There are various myths and rumours surrounding this snake which is to be blamed for the high price associated with its sale in the black market.



While scientifically these Sand Boas are used for medicinal purposes, many have been using this snake for black magic too. The demand for the sand boa has also been associated with Malaysian superstitions which claim that owning a Sand Boa brings in immense luck with it.

Sand Boas are extensively trafficked from various Indian States and the main reason behind this is believed to be the superstitions associated with this reptile.

Water released to KRS Canals

Mandya, Feb.14 (Nagaiah)- Following demand from farmers, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Ltd. (CNNL) authorities has released water to KRS canals starting from yesterday (Feb.13).

CNNL Superintendent Engineer K.G. Vijaykumar said that following a Cauvery Tribunal order, water has been released in all canals of KRS reservoir to enable the farmers to irrigate sugarcane fields along the path of the canal.

The farmers have been asked to use water only for cultivation of sugarcane and other standing crops. The water will be released as per the 'Kattu' system, according to which water will be released continuously for 15 days and stopped the next 15 days in a month, till the end of May. The water will be released in four periods of 15 days each — Feb.13 to 28; Mar.14 to 29; April 13 to 28 and May 13 to 28.

Water has been released in Visweswaraya, Shimsha, Old Maddur, Keragodu, New Maddur, Lokasara, Turuganur, Old Hebbakawadi and all other high and low level canals of the Reservoir, Vijaykumar said and added that the farmers must use the water only for standing crops and not for fresh cultivation of crops such as paddy.

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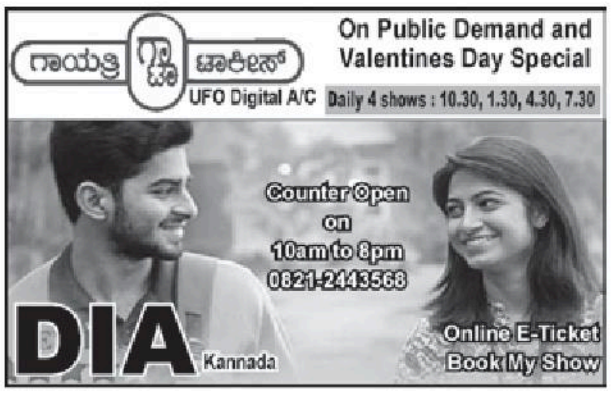

WORD OF THE DAY

Scumble

Pronunciation: SKUM-bul
Meaning: To make (something, such as colour or a painting) less brilliant by covering with a thin coat of opaque or semi-opaque colour applied with a nearly dry brush; to soften the lines or colours of (a drawing) by rubbing lightly; to apply (a colour) in this manner.
Origin: The history of scumble is blurry, but the word is thought to be related to the verb scum, an obsolete form of skim, meaning "to pass lightly over." Scumbling, as first perfected by artists such as Titian, involves passing dry, opaque coats of oil paint over a tinted background to create subtle tones and shadows. Although the painting technique dates to the 16th century, use of the word scumble is only known to have begun in the late 18th century. The related noun form soon followed.
Example: In an accomplished artist's hands, oil paint is fluid; it can be scumbled or glazed; it's a more versatile medium than tempera.

THE ODD WORD

Saggar

Clay box in which pottery is packed for baking.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Salad Days

Meaning: The days of one's youthful inexperience.
Origin: Salad Days is a Shakespearean idiomatic expression meaning a youthful time, accompanied by the inexperience, enthusiasm, idealism, innocence, or indiscretion that one associates with a young person.
Example: From Shakespeare's Anthony and Cleopatra, 1606:
CLEOPATRA: My salad days,
When I was green in judgment: cold in blood,
To say as I said then! But, come, away;
Get me ink and paper:
He shall have every day a several greeting,
Or I'll unpeople Egypt.

QUOTE BOX

Sanity and happiness are an impossible combination. **—Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

Sam Sarah saw seven sharks swimming. How many S are in the sentence?

Answer :Only one that is in 'the sentence'.

SUDOKU

			1			6	5	
2				9		8	1	
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	3	6			7			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	5	7	6	3	1	8	9
3	9	8	5	2	1	6	4	7
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9	3	2	6	8	5	7	1	4
5	1	4	9	3	7	8	6	2
7	8	6	4	1	2	5	9	3
8	6	3	2	5	9	4	7	1
1	4	9	3	7	6	2	5	8
2	5	7	1	4	8	9	3	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Swedish singing group of not so recent past
5 Long story
9 Part of a play
12 Soothing ointment
13 Dye vat - "rike" anagram?
14 Voice of America
15 Field yield
16 An obsession (4,4)
18 Vacillates
20 Actress ___ Peeples
21 This lubricates moving parts
22 Sponsor or supporter
25 Defend, oversee or protect?
28 Ex West Indies batsman Logie
29 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
30 South Africa's Hashim ____
31 ___ sided : not balanced?
32 Inert gas
33 Rsrv. Bk. of India
34 Self-esteem
35 Nikola ___ : U.S. inventor - "Tales" anagram?
36 Amaze, astound or surprise
38 Like some vbs.
39 Name for a boy or a donkey?
40 Trembles with cold or fear
44 Slender dagger
47 Famous cookie
48 Large weight
49 Leak through
50 Biblical word
51 Part of toothed wheel
52 Breast this first to win race
53 Observed or noticed

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

F	E	T	A	■	H	U	B	■	S	L	A	T
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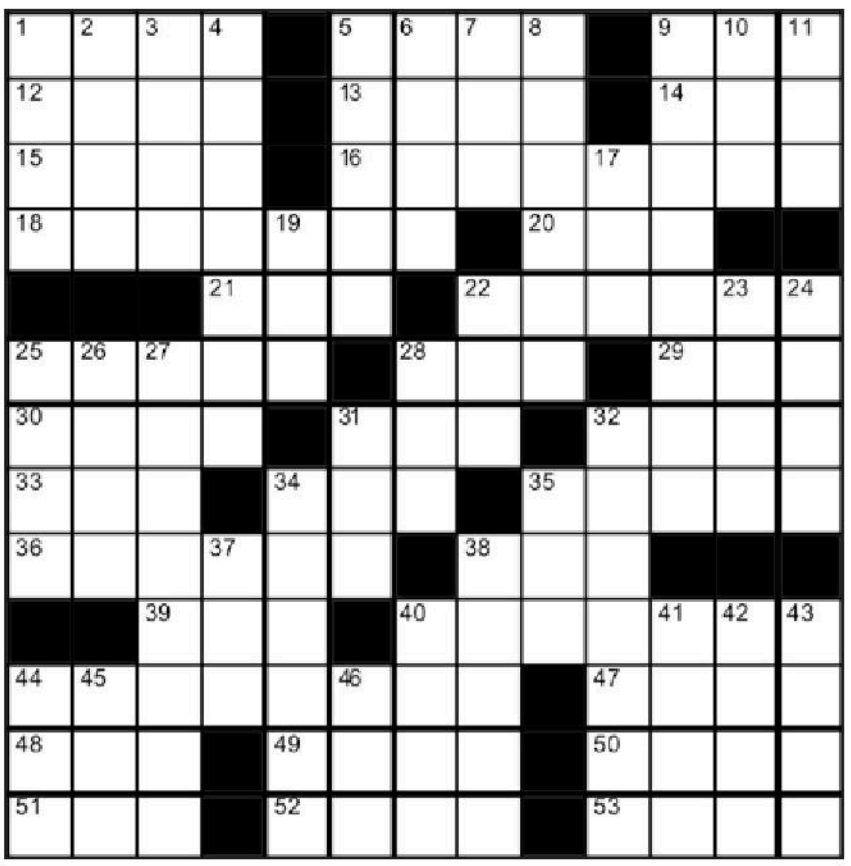
A	L	L	Y	■	G	O	D	■	L	E	E	R

DOWN
1 Passing grades
2 Ex-Paki wicket-keeper Wasim ___
3 An inky stain
4 Roman wine jar
5 Sound of bagpipes
6 Assistants or helpers
7 Command to a horse
8 Spheres of conflict
9 Large enclosures for birds
10 Courteney ____ of Friends
11 Menlo Park initials
17 Capable
19 Muslim festival
22 Baby barker
23 Ancient Greek coin
24 Zola title
25 Apparel
26 Boss of a shield
27 Placing in or bringing into a line
28 Sticky substance
31 Large, abbr.
32 Tense or edgy
34 Most senior
35 Three as a prefix
37 Come together
38 ____ your satisfied : a conciliatory statement, in a way (1,4)
40 Stride
41 Flying fish eater?
42 Anatomical network
43 Erelong; presently
44 Supplemental Type Certificate
45 Additionally
46 An afternoon meal



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YM EBD KSAABZ TYMZ ZGL TBSX BMM SABZGLW'J

ISKH, XB ABZ USTH SUSE. ZWE ZB TYVGZLA YZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
3rd Class	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Benkiyalli Aralida Hoovu	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Gadappana Circle	Padma	2521923	M. Show
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Saagutha Doora Doora	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Bill Gates	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Gentleman	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Love Mocktail	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Kaanadante Maayavadanu	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Navarathna	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Dia	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Thundh Haikla Sahavasa	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Demo Piece	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
HINDI			
Love Aaj Kal	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TELUGU			
World Famous Lover	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Degree College	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Psycho	Padma	2521923	3 Shows
Oh My Kadavule	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Naan Sirithal	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Love Aaj Kal 2020 (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 4.15 pm 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Malang - Unleash The Madness (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Oh My Kadavule (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Navarathna (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Joker (E)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Varane Avashyamund (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Benkiyalli Aralida Hoovu (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Naan Sirithal (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Gift Box (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Blumhouse's Fantasy Island (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
World Famous Lover (Te)	(S-4)	10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm 10 pm
Uriyattu (Ma)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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World Famous Lover (Te)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.30 pm 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Love Aaj Kal 2020 (H)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm 3.55 pm, 6.55, 9.55 pm
Gaddappana Circle (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Navarathna (K)	(S-3)	12.35 pm
Naan Sirithal (Ta)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Malang - Unleash The Madness (H)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Naan Sirithal (Ta)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-3)	6.25 pm
Ak Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Ma)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Demo Piece (K)	(S-4)	1.40 am
Gift Box (K)	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Blumhouse's Fantasy Island (E)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Oh My Kadavule (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

World Famous Lover (Te)	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Parasite (Korean-With English Subtitles)	9.15 am, 6..25 pm
Love Aaj Kal (H)	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 3.40 pm 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Benkiyalli Aralida Hoovu (K)	9.55 am
Love Mocktail (K)	12.10 pm
Fantasy Island (E)	12.35 pm
Navarathna (K)	3.05 pm
Varane Avashyamund (Ma)	3.20 pm
Gift Box (K)	6.00 pm
Demo Piece (K)	9.00 pm
Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Ma)	9.20 pm

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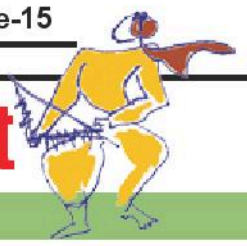
Bahuroopi Theatre Fest



15.2.2020 (Saturday) DRAMAS

> **MINI THEATRE, 6 pm** : **Bhagavadajjukeeyam** (Hindi)
Troupe : NIPA Ranga Mandali, Lucknow

> **BHOOMIGEETA, 6.30 pm** : **Mahadevbhai** (English/ Hindi)
Troupe : Working Title, Mumbai

> **VANARANGA, 7 pm** : **Jhalkari** (Hindi)
Troupe : Raahi Theatre Company, Mumbai

> **KALAMANDIRA, 8 pm** : **Mukhyamantri** (Kannada)
Troupe : Kalagangotri, Bengaluru

15.2.2020 (Saturday) FILM FESTIVAL — SRIRANGA AUDITORIUM

>	**10.30 am to 12 noon**	*Gandhi: The Making of Mahatma* (2009 - E) 59 mins	Dir: Chris Salt
>	**12 noon to 1.30 pm**	*The Rise & Fall of the Berlin Wall* (2009 - E) 91 mins	Dir: Oliver Halmbufger
>	**2 pm to 4.30 pm**	*Gandhi* (1982 - E) 180 mins	Dir: Richard Attenborough

15.2.2020 (Saturday) JANAPADOTSAVA

> **11 am & 5 pm**	Kindarijogi - Janapadaranga	**Folk Performances** - South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur
> **11 am**	Aravinda Nagar	**Street play** - Krishna Janamana, Desiranga, Mysuru
> **3 pm**	Chamundipuram Circle	**Street play** - Udaykumar, Gejje Hejje Troupe, Mysuru
> **4 pm**	Sampattu Ranga Angala (in front of Kiru Rangamandira)	**Papu Gandhi Gandhi Bapu-** Rangapayana Troupe, Mysuru
> **5.30 pm**	Kindarijogi - Janapadaranga	**Beary Folk Art** - Raheed, Itti Artistes Troupe, Kannur, Kasargod
> **6 pm**	Kindarijogi - Janapadaranga	**Gondaligara Mela** - Ramanna & Troupe, Ballari

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EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 14)

Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET): Open House to showcase its achievements, facilities and the courses available, CIPET campus, near Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 7 pm.**

Uttaradi Mutt: Installation of 8 ft. tall Sri Dhanvantri idol at Sri Dhanvantri Temple, Sri Uttaradi Mutt premises, Fort Mohalla, Procession of the idol, from Maharaja College Grounds to Uttaradi Mutt, **4.30 pm.**

Sanghamitra-Mysuru: Meeting to pay tribute to senior RSS Pracharak & Ideologist, Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra, President & Bharatiya Vichara Kendram Director, Padma Vibhushan P. Parameswaranji; Inauguration of Membership distribution of Sanghamitra, Vivekananda Kendra, Jayanagar, **4.30 pm.**

N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Annual Music Festival of Thyagaraja and Purandaradasa Aradhana celebrations, Grand Music Concert by Vidu. Vasudha Keshav, accompanied by Vidwans V.V. Ravi on violin, B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and V.S. Ramesh on morching, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Srimathi Saraswathi Rao and Dr. R. Sundarachar Memorial Concert, Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan - vocal, Vid. N. Karthik - violin, Vid. Bharadwaj - mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan - ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Narthana Educational and Cultural Trust - Sowmya Nritya Shale: Narthanotsava - Anniversary Celebrations, Dr. Bhavani Shankar, Managing Trustee, Bhavusar Narayan Trust, Maharshi Public School, chief guest, felicitation to Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Founder-Director, Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru: Special series of talks in English on 'Shivaparadha - Kshamapana - Stotram' by Swami Hamsananda, Ramana Jnana Kendra, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 15)

Sarada Vilas College, Krishnamurthypuram: Annual Sports Meet 2020, athlete Thippavva Sannakki inaugurates, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions President B.S. Parthasarathy and Hon. Secretary H.K. Srinath special invitees, Sarada Vilas College Principal Prof. P. Dhanalakshmi presides, College grounds, **8.30 am.**

GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College: Inauguration of Gita Samhita 2020 - Techno Cultural Fest, **9.30 am;** Valedictory, College premises, **5 pm.**

Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET): Open House to showcase its achievements, facilities and the courses available, CIPET campus, near Hebbal, **10 am to 7 pm.**

Department of Studies in Food Science & Nutrition, University of Mysore: Workshop on "Complementary Therapies in Autism Spectrum Disorder", inauguration by Dr. Asna Urooj, Department Chairperson, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10 am.**

Surabhi Ganakala Mandira Charitable Trust: Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsava, Puja Kainkarya, **10.30 am;** Music programme, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, Kalidasa Road, Vontikoppal, **6.30 pm.**

Jagadguru Sri Veerasimhasana Mutt, Suttur and JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage and History Department, JSS Women's College: Two-day Birth Centenary of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, MLA L. Nagendra inaugurates, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Yaduveer Wadiyar presides, District In-charge Minister V. Somanna inaugurates the expo, MP Pratap Simha, MLA S.A. Ramdas and Mayor Tasneem, chief guests, Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **11 am.**

University of Mysore - Prasaranga, Manasagangothri and Kannada Department, Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru: Lecture on 'Navodaya Kavyadalli Anubhaava' by retd. Principal of Vidyavardhaka First Grade College Dr. Mangala Priyadarshini, Kannada Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar inaugurates, Prasaranga Director Prof. M.G. Manjunath delivers keynote address, Maharani's Arts College for Women Principal Dr. B.T. Vijay presides, Kannada Department Head Dr. Vijayalakshmi and Kannada PG Department Convenor Dr. R. Renu will be present, Maharani's Arts College for Women auditorium, **11.30 am.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti: Madhwa-Purandara Namana - Haridasa Bhakti Sangeetotsava, Bhajans by Bhajana Mandali, **4 pm;** Talk on 'Ondu baari smarane saalade' by Sri Badarayanachar, Mysuru, **5 pm;** 'Nudi Namana' programme, **6 pm;** Dasa Pushpanjali by singers Dr. Raichur Sheshagiridas and Vidu. Gargi Shabaraya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Raaga Music Academy, Mysuru: Music for Wellness - 80th Monthly Music Concert, talk on 'Healthy living through Ayurveda and Yoga' by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Mysuru, **4.30 pm;** Grand Karnatak Vocal by Vid. S.R. Vinay, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan on violin, Vid. Malladi Aravind on mridanga and Vid. T.N. Ajay on ghata, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Smt. Shantha Narasimham Memorial Concert, Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidwan S. Saketharaman accompanied by Vid. Trivendrum N. Sampath on Violin, Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on Mridanga, Sabha premises, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Divine Life of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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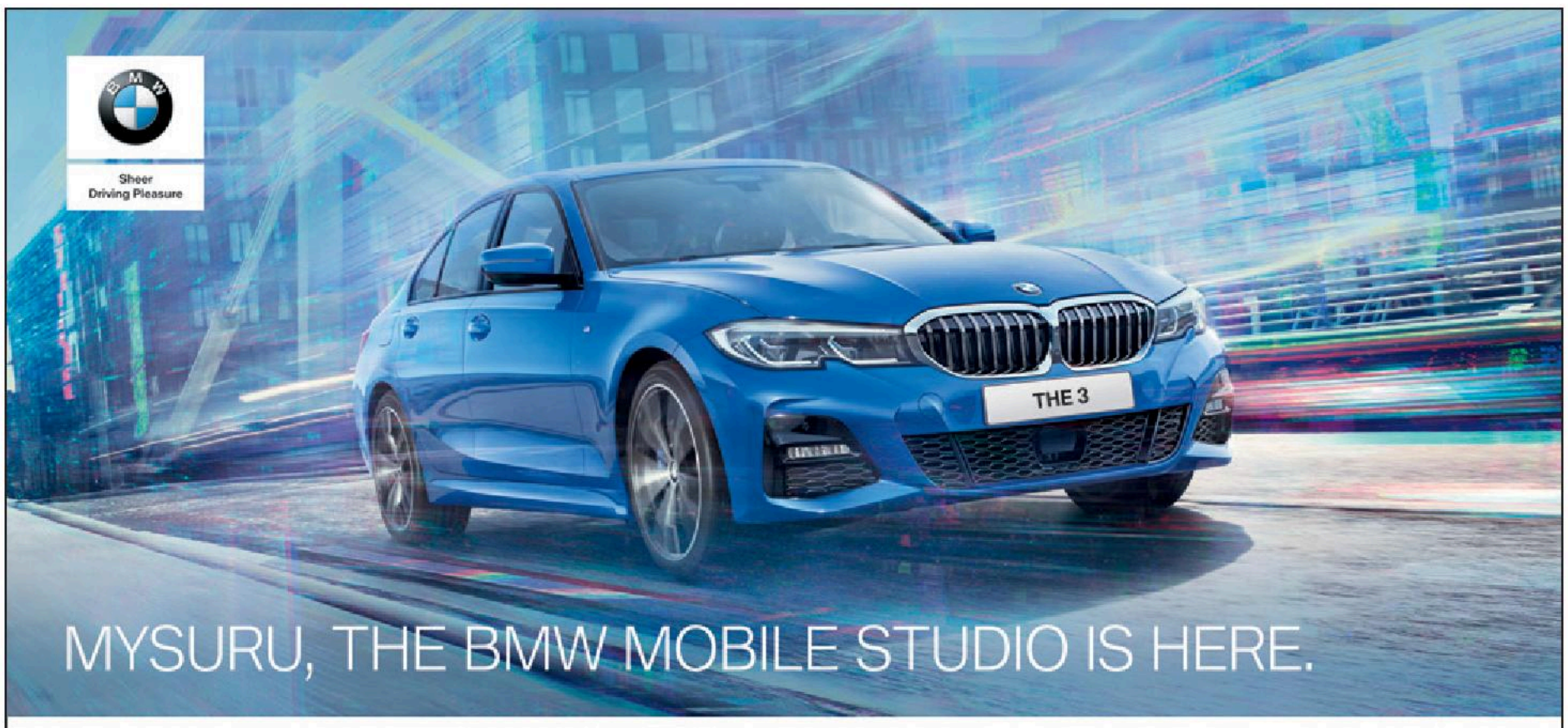

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